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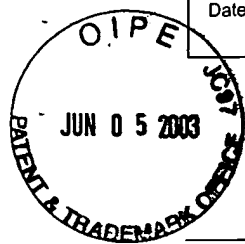
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Docket No.: S2856.0022/P022  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Ichiro Mase, et al.

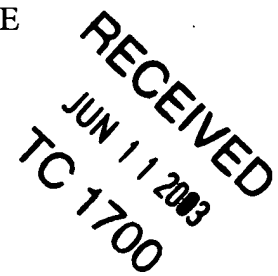
Application No.: 09/900,771

Group Art Unit: 1773

Filed: July 6, 2001

Examiner: N. Uhler

For: HEAT CONTROL METHOD AND HEAT  
CONTROLLER



AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2002 (Paper No. 7), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

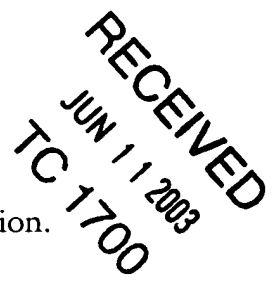
**SPECIFICATION**

- There are no amendments to the specification.
- Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section.



**CLAIMS**

There are no amendments to the claims.  
 A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.



**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, Small Entity status is claimed

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	20	MINUS	20**	=	0	X		\$
Indep.	2	MINUS	3**	=	0	X		\$
First presentation of multiple dependent claim(s)						X		\$
TOTAL								\$ -0-

\* not less than 20      \*\* not less than 3

In the event the actual fee is greater than the payment submitted or is inadvertently not enclosed or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the

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outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.